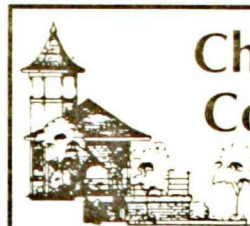


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**T**eresa Wells thinks her city's short-sightedness will take much more than glasses to cure. The former head of the Lemon Grove Arts Complex has moved on to teaching dance in Balboa Park. She tries not to think too much about how much Lemon Grove has lost, but more about how they will fill the gap she left behind.

In mid-July of 1996, Wells asked the city council for what she felt her Arts Complex really needed to remain in Lemon Grove: paid rent for the Washington Center space, and operational support amounting to \$36,000.

Disheartened by the feeling that the council had little interest in what she was doing, she withdrew her request and closed the Lemon Grove Arts Complex.

She has since brought many of her students to the low-cost programs in Balboa Park where she now works, but it's too far away for some residents of Lemon Grove to travel.

Eight months after the closing of the Arts Complex, there is still nothing to replace it, and there are no concrete plans to do so, either.

Wells had served on the Site Use Committee to determine the use for the Ather-ton Chapel and property adjacent to it on Main Street, but resigned when she closed her business.

"I was there representing the Arts Complex, but it was no longer relevant," she said. "It would have been the perfect place for kids' programs."

When she brought up the fact that the Lemon Grove's General Plan Update still had no contingency for arts and culture, she was advised to write it herself if she wanted it in there.

"Here we are, a community looking to our future, and there's no arts and culture included," she said. "I figured if they were paying the plan consultants hundreds of thousands of dollars, they should be writing it."

She did, however, give them examples of how other cities included the arts in their general plans.

In the finished General Plan Update for Lemon Grove, there is minimal mention of the future of the city's culture. It says, "Residents desire centers for community life, where people can socialize and enjoy cultural activities ... Due to shifting economic and development trends in the San Diego region, many of these historic hubs of community life have been diminished."

The only recommendation that the plan makes is for the future consideration of a civic center, which would contain elements such as a library, city hall, museum, performance space, park, plaza, and/or other public amenities. It also mentions that the city should pursue new local entertainment opportunities. Mostly, the General Plan addresses just about every other issue besides culture and arts.

Although Wells will not attempt to own another arts business in Lemon Grove, she fully supports the idea of it happening in the future.

"Something besides just sports," she said. "We have good music programs here, and we have this huge sports program, but it's almost overwhelmingly supportive of

## THE DISENCHANTED BY CHERYL COHEN

only boys. They need a more diversified program of some kind."

That's where Wells feels she filled a gap in Lemon Grove.

How would she support a new program in the city? "Any way I could, but my time is very limited now," Wells said. "I'm doing a very similar program now, only it's for the city of San Diego. I'm doing what I want to be doing. My kids are still being exercised, and I'm still working with kids, so I'm fine."

It's the city of Lemon Grove she's concerned about, however.

"It's Lemon Grove that has the loss (of over 40 classes), and they need to realize that," she said.

Wells says the city acts like it doesn't

the vacant property left behind, and the lesser number of low-cost kids' programs."

**F**ormer Mayor Bob

Burns was once a part of the original Lemon Grove Players, headed by Dorothy Dubois. "I'm still involved in theater," he said. "I was a great supporter of Teresa's, and I appreciated all the things she did for this community." Burns and his wife will be in



Teresa Wells wonders why a city council that won't subsidize the arts will give handouts to businesses.

***This series will include stories about some citizens of Lemon Grove who have their own ideas about how their city should be managed, operated and planned. However, they feel their voices have been relatively unheard or ignored by city hall, and usually find themselves at odds with the decisions made by city government and staff. As the civic meetings in Lemon Grove usually attract only the same few people, or those that have an immediate situation to bring forward, it's difficult to ascertain who else might be out there with like opinions. In an effort to find out whether the "disenchanted" are a silent majority, or loud minority, we present their voices here and encourage responses by our readers.***

matter, but she's adamant that it does matter, very much.

Wells made an interesting observation while being interviewed for a news segment on Channel 8 (KFMB-TV). A large group of her former students visited her last December during Christmas vacations from schools and dance companies all over the country. Earlier that day, she'd watched a daytime talk show featuring gang members and why they liked being in gangs.

"Because it's my family, these are my peers, these are my goals," the gang members replied to the host. When Channel 8 asked her students why they were here, they replied with the same answers. "It didn't really occur to me how many kids my classes and programs kept off the street and out of gangs until I heard that," she said.

After a recent council meeting where friend and resident Jay Cochrane verbally accosted Councilman Tom Clabby about the way Teresa Wells and her arts complex were treated by council, Clabby replied, "We gave her \$50,000 — what do we have to show for it?" Wells says it's what they no longer have, that is going to be important.

To Mayor Mary Sessom, the effects of the arts complex closure is not so obvious.

"It's difficult to notice now, but in the long term, the lack of the complex will show up, I'm sure," she said. "There's also

the upcoming production of "Anything Goes", which will be performed at St. John's Catholic Church in May.

Dubois, past director of the Players, took Wells under her wing from Wells' beginning in Lemon Grove.

"Basically she came to me and said, 'We're in hiatus now, and have a nonprofit status which I'd like for you to take over,'" Wells said. Dubois was to take over the drama department at Southwestern College at the time. They signed the paperwork on a Thursday, but tragically, Dubois died in her sleep on Friday. Wells didn't continue using the "Players" name. Instead she developed "The Community Arts Advisory Council", doing business as "The Lemon Grove Arts Complex".

Burns thinks that the city council from which Wells was trying to secure grant money was just not arts-oriented. He recalls that the philosophy Wells had to overcome was that private businesses should not be subsidized by government.

"We never really gave her a whole lot of money, and I understood that arts endeavors can't stand on their own, like other kinds of private businesses," he said. "You can only sell so many cookies at intermission."

Wells viewed then-mayor Jim Dorman and his city manager, Jack Shelver, as major foes to her arts complex.

The state of the arts in Lemon Grove

isn't the only thing that makes Wells disenchanted. There are always new issues, and she's still a concerned resident. At a recent council meeting, she requested that a copies of their full agenda, including paid warrants be placed at the library and city hall, where they could be viewed by the public before meetings. Although copies of the agenda were available before her request, they hadn't included the paid warrants. Council decided it was a reasonable request.

Other recent issues before council have prompted Wells to write letters to the *Review*, such as the \$7,700 city staff Christmas party, and also one about a manufacturers' directory from the East County Economic Development Council (ECEDC), which was recently approved to the tune of \$6,300, without asking the names or products of the businesses to be included in the directory.

"Why is council spending our money to support ad campaigns for 63 unnamed businesses?" she asked. "If this service is so useful, shouldn't the individual businesses pay the \$100 each on their own?"

She also says that Councilman Dwight Shelley should have abstained from that particular vote, after publicly stating that his business stood to gain from the program. Wells doesn't often complain about the city's ills without offering solutions, however.

Stating in her letter that although the city needs to support its local businesses, the \$6,300 plus the annual membership dues to ECEDC might be better spent by giving it to the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is not eligible for local county funding because they need to first have city funding to qualify. If funded, they would have the opportunity to seek additional grant money from other sources.

"It doesn't make sense to support a private nonprofit organization located elsewhere and give our chamber nothing," she said. "Except for one small detail - the president of ECEDC is none other than our past mayor, Mr. James Dorman. I guess it's business as usual at City Hall."



# M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

I asked our councilmembers to answer this question "What is one priority we must address in 1997 and what resources should be used?" You have seen their answers in previous columns. What you have not seen is my answer. I have been putting it off and hoping no one would notice. This is a very difficult question to answer in a summary form. However, I have been challenged to put forth my opinion. Here then is my answer:

Lemon Grove must provide many services to its citizens—fire and police protection; good roads; working sewers and lights; trash disposal; decent neighborhoods in which to live and work; and recreation programs. This list is by no means complete. One thing that is not mentioned is the responsibility to fund these services. Property taxes account for only part of the city's budget. A significant portion comes from the sales tax revenues generated by businesses.

This would seem to dictate a focus on the well being of our business community—both large and small businesses. The city has done a good job so far. However, I have met with many small business owners since I became mayor and I believe we have more work to do.

My priority for 1997 is to address the ordinances that regulate all aspects of our businesses. We need to look at our sign laws. If we want to develop our downtown village area, adjustments will have to be made. Parking requirements contributed to the relocation, in another city, of a popular restaurant and nightclub. Design standards would allow us to bring in companies that may emphasize wholesale sales with a small retail component. This would create more opportunities for different kinds of businesses. Our special use permit (interpret "sidewalk sales") rules do not encourage businesses to do any promotions outside their front door. This city must bring people to our business areas and we have to be creative in how this is accomplished.

Planning Commissioner Helen Ofield once told the city council that being "business friendly" was a two way street. The city should be friendly to businesses and vice versa. I believe that in 1997 we must seek a further strengthening of these ties of cooperation and success.

## Community Notes

### Library celebrates special needs month

In celebration of Special Needs Month, the San Diego County Library Outreach Services will have a presentation from 1 - 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Lemon Grove Library.

The presentation will include preschool stories and song in sign language, a seeing-eye dog named Rusty, the opportunity to try out wheelchairs, walkers and eye patches, and a special display of books that help promote understanding of those with special needs.

Refreshments, bookmarks and other free materials will also be available.

### AIDS LINK coalition meets

The East County AIDS LINK coalition will meet from 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the El Cajon Community Clinic at 855 E. Madison Ave.

AIDS LINK is a coalition of individuals, health and social service agencies concerned about HIV/AIDS in East County.

## Attention Senior Citizens! Free Seminar on Living Trusts

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## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

	High	Low
March 5	80	45
March 6	79	34
March 7	75	43
March 8	70	45
March 9	84	45
March 10	84	45
March 11	83	51

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All advertising is subject to current rate card. The publisher reserves the right to reject an advertiser's order.

Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance.

## Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100  
Incorporated: 1977  
Area: 3.75 sq. mi.  
Median income: \$34,399  
1996-97 city budget: \$26.3 million  
1996 taxable sales: \$265 million  
Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom  
Council: Thomas Clabby  
Craig Lake  
Dwight Shelley  
Jeff Jandura

City Manager: Doug Yount  
Planning Director: Jim Butler  
City Attorney: Gloria McLean  
City Clerk: Christine Taub  
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins  
Fire Chief: Dale Chamberlain  
Congressional district:  
52nd - Duncan Hunter  
State Senate district:  
40th - Steve Peace  
State Assembly district:  
77th - Steve Baldwin  
Supervisory district:  
2nd - Dianne Jacob  
High school:

Libraries: 1  
Post offices: 1  
Parks: 4  
Recreation centers: 1

## Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

Want an easy way to cement relationships with your neighbors? The city of Lemon Grove has just the ticket: a 24-hour Code Enforcement Hotline, for the convenience of citizens who wish to report a suspected violation of city land use regulations! Simply dial 685-7918 and you will hear the following recorded message: "You have reached the city of Lemon Grove Code Enforcement Hotline. To report a possible code violation, please leave the following information after the tone":

- Today's date and the time of your call
- The street address of the property where the violation exists. A brief description of the violation
- Your name and telephone number
- Your best impressions of the mayor, city manager, and city councilmen, followed by a hearty rendition of "We've Only Just Begun" (okay...just kidding on that last one)

The city says that although hotline callers may remain anonymous, code enforcement actions are almost always quicker and more successful if the officer has the name and phone number of a contact person who can provide additional information. They also say that the identity of the person who files the complaint will not be revealed to the person responsible for the suspected violation, and will receive a report regarding any action taken to resolve the problem. I say, why hide? After turning in your neighbor for the dingy white clothes their front-porch laundry produces, put up a sign on your fence that says, "I did it! I'm the one that turned you in! Now, maybe you'll start using bleach!" Just be sure your fence meets code standards first, and that the sign is gone just before the code officer arrives.

And, now ... an open letter from me to EDCO: Dear Grand Poobah of EDCO, Please-oh-please stop collecting, dumping, or otherwise fooling around with garbage and/or recyclables before 7 a.m. What's the darned hurry, anyway? Relax and have a donut first, or something. This 6 a.m. stuff really bothers citizen John Wood, and frankly, we're all kinda sick of hearing about it during the public comments portion of the council meetings each time. So, hold off an hour or so, okay? Otherwise, we just might have to wake you up before your alarm goes off, with some rude noises of our own. Thank you.

The standards for carports were outlined at the Mar. 4 meeting of city council, but nowhere did it mention that you can't use your inflatable-a-date as a suitable shield against the elements for your car. However, it could violate the sign ordinance, which does not allow for any balloon-type of signage. These things get a little tricky, don't they? Here are the main requirements for carports: They have to have permanent footing (which should save money on replacement Nikes) anchored to the ground in a manner consistent with design standards in the Uniform Building Code. They have to be able to withstand moderate winds (tested, no doubt, by hot air coming from just about any pre-candidate stumping for office). The applicants have to obtain building permits, bring in their engineering reports, and the structures have to fit into the standard architectural design of the neighborhood (are they kidding?), while being consistent with Lemon Grove's General Plan. After debating whether or not there was enough notice for this public hearing on carports (scant few attended), it was decided that it would be re-designated as an "introductory first reading" only, with a second reading and public hearing in two weeks. There will be no more formal notice of the next meeting in the paper. However, as we never dress in this column, the usual grunge notice that the Twist provides will have to suffice.

Although the 1997 Lemon Grove Old Time Days has been returned to two days from the previously proposed one day event, it still may not be enough time to thwart off problems. "Non-stop entertainment and community participation" are the goals of this year's event, but they're having a bit of trouble with the latter. It seems that volunteerism for the celebration has declined over the past four years, with this year as no exception. City Manager Doug Yount says that only two citizens have expressed interest in helping this year. Mark your calendars for May 9 and 10, and be sure to call Nancy McCadam at 668-4575 to offer your help!

Spread the word about your special events, press and/or prison releases by contacting *The Review* directly, or by sending them to me at 264-3153 (msg), 264-4180 (fax), or curious@cts.com (internet). It won't get you paroled any sooner, but we'll all pretend we hear you and feel your pain.

## Sheriff's Log

Feb. 15, 1997

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Commercial burglary.  
\$745 value.

Feb. 16, 1997

3200 blk. Sweetwater Rd. Residential burglary. Value unknown.

Feb. 26, 1997

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary.  
Value unknown.

Feb. 26-March 1, 1997

7100 blk. Westview Pl. Vehicle Burglary. \$1,110 value.

March 2, 1997

3600 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Grand theft. \$800 value.

March 2-3, 1997

2300 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Residential burglary. \$268 value.

March 3, 1997

6600 blk. Federal Blvd. Auto theft. \$40,000 value.



# Commentary

by Greg Eichelberger

Richard Nixon was stupid

Although I'm a rock-ribbed Republican conservative, I've come to the conclusion that Richard Nixon, whom I voted for in mock elections held in the second, and sixth grades, was one of our most ignorant chief executives of all-time. At least compared to the current occupant of that high office.

And I also envision Dick spinning in his coffin right now over what one William Jefferson Clinton has, and continues to get away with.

Why, Nixon's only crime was obstruction of justice, mixed in with a little paranoia and a bad public image. That, and a oily reputation with the press that haunted him until the day he died.

The current media, with lips firmly attached to Clinton's backside, may make waves here and there, but it is nothing like the swell that erupted in early 1973 over the Watergate affair, and the vast, empirical, in-depth coverage before, during, and after.

And for those liberals who want to deny this fact, I have literally dozens of articles from that era to back me up.

From the earliest hints at Clinton's improprieties: the Whitewater land scheme, the travel office affair (where, in order to appease Hillary's Hollywood cronies, inno-

cent people were practically crucified), the "snafu" with over 900 personal FBI files, Vince Foster's suspicious death and subsequent missing documents, to the most recent situations: the deception of the Bosnian arms deal, the shady Mexican drug-alley farce, the submission of American human rights ideals to the Chinese bloodletters, the Asian/Indonesian funding connections to Little Rock and the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the prostitution of the Lincoln bedroom, the politicization of the INS (especially in light of the stolen California house election involving Robert Dornan), and the money-laundering activities of the DNC, this administration reminds me of the old tale of the mackerel in the moonlight. It looks bright and shiny, but stinks to high heaven.

And this doesn't even touch on the man's disdain for the truth, his ability to take three, four or five different sides of an issue, and his numerous "alleged" dalliances with members of the opposite sex (one of which is soon to be the subject of a major Supreme Court decision).

However, despite all of this (and surely more to come), the American people still don't see a problem. "It's a fascinating fact,"

said Democratic pollster, Mark Mellman, "that the contrast between the attitudes of Washington pundits and the public has reached such a chasm."

But, with the economy puttering along at a steady pace, no wars on the horizon, and a nation that believes, despite his ethical problems, that "he still cares about us," Bill rides high, wide, and handsome.

Plus, he and his braintrusts have a solution to their problems that Nixon and his inner circle never dreamed of - a continuous cycle of never acknowledging or denying anything and blaming the messenger.

Such tactics have evidently worked, as veteran news reporters, so filled with their own egos and stuffed like turkeys with their own gargantuan self-importance, have been befuddled by this strategy, left to mumble like incoherent four-year-olds in the presence of advanced calculus.

All Nixon could do, even with his lubricious reputation, was eventually resign the office, something Bill, no matter how sticky things get, will never do.

Tricky Dick's pathetic attempts to raise money for his 1972 campaign also pale in comparison to Slick Willy's master strokes in bringing in the bread, all the while condemning the way he hauls it in.

No comparison between the two men can overlook the fact that even the Republicans turned against RMN in the end, showing the

conviction and backbone of principled individuals who valued truth over party.

As of yet, the Democrats, too interested in the perpetuation of power, and living in a dream-like reality only reserved for folks like John DuPont and Ed Gein, have yet to criticize their man, even to the point of falling back on the second-grade defense of pointing and saying, "They did it, too!"

Even some of the most trustworthy politicians on the left side of the aisle have still not had the guts to condemn Clinton on these embarrassing disclosures, preferring instead to circle the wagons and defend him even at the cost of their own dignity.

Later this year, as Senate and House investigations start up, with or without the cooperation of the spineless, lying, child-murdering Janet Reno, these allegations may be hammered into the American consciousness with a white hot intensity, laying bare Clinton's feeble excuses, and exposing him for what he is - the most corrupt president ever to command the bully pulpit.

Or, the people may just do what they've done for the past five years, turn the channel to "Rosanne," grab a beer, and forget the whole thing. At least until Al Gore begins to lull them into a stupor in 2000.

During the recent campaign, Bob Dole asked, "where's the outrage" over these scandals? It's over on C-SPAN, Bob. And nobody watches C-SPAN.

## Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce

## GAZETTE

### — Legislative Update —

by Jack Moore

Job One at the state level is for California to join the other 47 seven states that follow the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act requiring compensated overtime based on a 40-hour week instead of California's current 8-hour rule.

**ACTION:** Send letters to: The Honorable Robyn Black  
Industrial Welfare Commission  
P.O. Box 420603  
San Francisco, CA. 94142-0603  
FAX: (415) 972-8867

For further info and background see ALERT 2/14/97 issue at Chamber office.

**Lemon Grove:** The city provides agenda analysis, council minutes, city budget, and now the check register or "report of demands" at the Lemon Grove Library.

#### February 4, 1997 minutes:

The city awarded a contract for construction inspection for various capital improvement projects to John Powell & Associates not to exceed \$158,860 for inspection services.

The council awarded contract Heffler Company Inc., for \$60,917 to plant 568 15-gallon trees plus shrubs and ground cover along the trolley corridor from Broadway to Massachusetts. Funded by SBA and Transportation Development act (TDA) funds.

Leonard Kottong was reappointed to the Planning Commission and Helen Ofield was newly appointed to fill a vacancy.

### Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce 1997 Installation Dinner

6 p.m. no host cocktails  
7 p.m. dinner

Saturday, March 22, 1997

Brigantine Restaurant  
The "private dining Room"  
9350 Fuerte Dr., La Mesa  
\$25 per person

Choice of Premium Prime Rib or Unique Tequila Chicken

Celebrity master of ceremonies will be  
Jerry Sherk

(retired NFL player of The Cleveland Browns)

Seating is limited. For ticket reservations contact the chamber  
office at 469-9621  
or Mary England at 465-5555

### CHAMBER CALENDAR

#### MARCH

4	City Council	7:00 PM	Community Center
13	CHAMBER BOARD MEETING	5:00 PM	to be announced
(Election of Executive Board for 1997 will be held)			
18	City Council	7:00 PM	Community Center
19	Chamber Breakfast	7:30 AM	Coco's (at the Grove)

Calling all Chamber members! Bring your flyers, business cards and \$6 for a networking breakfast. Each member attending will be allotted a short time to describe what they do, be it a product, special skill, service or business. Tell other members what you do, they may need your services! Let's network & enjoy breakfast!

22 Chamber Installation Dinner - All members are invited to the Brigantine Restaurant in La Mesa for the installation of Chamber officers and board directors for 1997. Watch for your invitation!

25	City Workshop	Noon	Fire Station
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#### APRIL

1	City Council	7:00 PM	Community Center
10	CHAMBER BOARD MEETING	5:00 PM	Conference Room City Hall
11	Miss Lemon Grove Pageant		
	7:30 PM at Lemon Grove Middle School		
	Master of ceremonies - Sam Bass, a well known radio personality. Please attend and support your pageant!		
15	City Council	7:00 PM	Community Center
17	CHAMBER BREAKFAST OR LUNCH TO BE ANNOUNCED		
23	SUNDOWNER	5:30 PM	7303 Broadway
	HOSTED BY EAST COUNTY HOLISTIC CARE		
	PLEASE RSVP		
28	City Council	Noon	Fire Station
	workshop		

### Items of Interest

With over 120 people in attendance at the "Casino Royale" fundraiser the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce honored Don Parent, Public Affairs Representative of the Eastern District Office of SDG&E for his support of East County organizations.

The dinner, catered by Top Hat Catering included carved beef, carved turkey, Caesar salad, and pasta station with two sauces.

Gaming equipment was provided by Casino Del Sol Entertainment with background music throughout the evening by Jeff Mitchell of Sound Tracks.

The committee members for this event were Colleen Ruis Jackson of Letter-Kraft Printing, co-chair, Mary England of Superior Marketing Concepts and Co-chair, Jim Murphy of J & L Security.

Volunteers included Rosemary Putnam, Barbara Fletcher, Phyllis Reeves, Shawn Branaugh and Kathy Weissinger

Doug Yount and staff and Mike Hale and staff were thanked for the accommodations and their assistance with the event.



# St. Paddy's Day doings abound

by Mistie O'Shaw

Holidays are for kids of every size. It doesn't matter how elaborate the festivities, the important thing is special days give you an excuse to break the normal routine and create a memory.

Few people get St. Patrick's Day off work but it is still a time of celebration for many. Appropriated from Ireland's folk history, St. Paddy's Day has taken on some peculiar American customs.

Most school children discover early on that this special day has a color requirement. Any child (and some adults) caught without green adornment are likely to be pinched or suffer various other minor indignities. If corned beef and cabbage are not an Epicurean delight for the residents of your home, there are many other fun things you can do to make the

green day stand out. Dr. Seuss was on the right track when he penned *Green Eggs and Ham*. Green food coloring in oatmeal, apple sauce, mashed potatoes or uncooked cookie, cake or biscuit dough is equally unappetizing but nevertheless seems to delight the lads and lassies.

An abundance of green vegetables are in season now if you can't stomach the artificial colorings. Broccoli, asparagus, artichokes, brussels sprouts and Italian squash can all contribute to a green meal. Consider covering your enchiladas with green chile sauce or substituting spinach pasta in a regular recipe.

Shenanigan's in La Mesa and the Blarney Stone Pub in El Cajon are the next best thing to being in Ireland if you are in East County. They will celebrate with corned beef sandwiches and beer.

The Blarney Stone will also feature live Irish music, but don't expect to find a place to sit without waiting.



Non-Irish restaurants welcome the holiday as an excuse for a party. For a corned beef and cabbage dinner try the Oxbow Inn or Jimmy's in Casa de Oro, or Charcoal House Restaurant in La Mesa.

In El Cajon, Kozak's, Doc's Landing or Singing Hills Country Club will serve corned beef as will Valley House and Van Winkle's in Santee.

The Barona Casino will serve an all-you-can-eat St. Patrick's Day buffet free to anyone 18 years or older. The buffet will take place from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Monday at the casino, 1000 Wildcat Canyon Rd in Lakeside.

For the occasion, special beverages (some at special prices) will be available in El Cajon at Brunetto's, Antonio's Hacienda and Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar. Carlos Murphy's at Grossmont Center will be celebrating all weekend with green beer and specials like Irish tacos. A live deejay will keep things moving and

some lucky person will win a weekend in San Francisco.

On Monday, Express Pizza of La Mesa will have optional green crusts on their uncooked take'n'bake pizzas. It may have something to do with their former name, Murphy's.

So, whether you're Irish or not, do something special on the 17th. Have fun and make some memories.

## Experts say water is key to good health

Early Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon never found the fabled "fountain of youth," but by drinking from fresh-water sources, he may have come closer than he thought possible.

Today's healthcare professionals believe pure, clean refreshing water can help everyone — especially seniors — feel fit, stay healthier and look better longer.

A recent national survey by Brita Products Co., shows that two out of three adults don't drink enough water to stay fit and healthy. How much is enough? Most experts agree eight 8-ounce glasses a day is the minimum. If you're exerting yourself or out in hot weather, you may need more.

And while mild dehydration — not having enough water in your system — can cause fatigue, minor headaches, loss of appetite and a lack of alertness in young people, it can be far more serious for seniors.

Water aids digestion and helps carry nutrients in the blood stream. It also promotes regularity, increases blood volume and helps circulation. Water keeps you healthier by protecting against colds, flu, coughs and sore throats.

Water aids weight management by helping control appetite and is especially important when dieting.

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## Spinster recaptures world's real oldest profession

by Lora Clark

Santee's Lem Dilley has something in common with Rumpelstiltskin, Leonardo da Vinci, and Sleeping Beauty.

Rumpelstiltskin used one to convert straw into gold, Leonardo designed one, and Sleeping Beauty pricked her finger on the spindle of one.

And Dilley? He can make one.

Using his drill press, metal-turning and wood lathes and various power saws and sanders, Dilley is able to turn out a spinning wheel that is perfectly true.

He uses wood to make the table and the legs and the eight segments for the rim, the nine spokes, and the hub of the wheel. Every part is perfectly smooth and round, grooved and ornamented properly. Although he's partial to oak and birch, which are particularly beautiful woods, he also uses walnut, fir, cherry and maple.

The axles require welding and lathe work. Then there are the pulleys, the spindle and the bobbin. Every single part is made by Dilley himself.

His love affair with spinning wheels started 72 years ago when he was 10 years old, living in Indiana. Although his grandmother died when he was only 3 years old and he never really knew her, it was her using a spinning wheel that sparked his interest. His mother often talked about his grandmother walking 20 miles a day while spinning at her wheel.

She used a "Walking Wheel," also known as a "Great Wheel," which has a wheel 5 feet in diameter. The spinster puts the yarn on the spindle, gives the wheel a spin with her hand, and walks away, drawing the yarn out. She then stops the wheel, winds the thread onto the spindle, and starts the process over again.

"I wanted to see if what my Mom said was true about my grandmother walking that far while she was spinning," said Dilley. "I figured it out by using a Walking Wheel myself. Sure 'nuff, in 10 hours of spinning, a person will walk 20 miles!"

"This type of wheel is still used today in the Appalachian

Mountains," he added.

In 1495, Leonardo da Vinci designed a spinning wheel that had a treadle, which enabled the spinster to be seated while doing her work. It also had a spindle that worked somewhat like a spinning reel on a fishing rod. The device was rather complicated and beyond the ability of the average mechanic, so it did not come into common usage.

However, 15 years later, Germany's Johann Jergens designed a wheel similar to Leonardo's, yet simple enough to make and repair. Although there are now 60 different types of spinning wheels known to man, very few changes have been made to Jergens' basic design.

Dilley stated that spinning is the oldest industry known to man and that it is also the industry that has had the least improvement. In fact, in a modern-day factory, although the work is now done by machines, the yarn is spun exactly as it was in the old days. The only difference is, instead of one thread being spun, a hundred are going at one time.

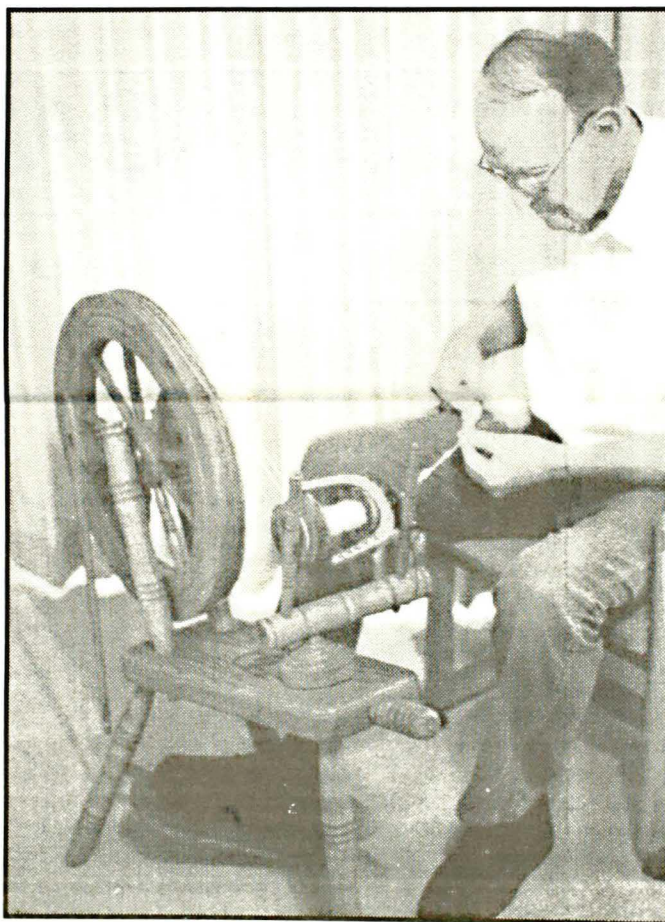
As a youngster, Dilley wanted to make his own spinning wheel, but first he had to know how one worked. He visited museums and asked questions but got only half-answers or no answers at all.

Many years later, while vacationing in Ohio, he saw a woman demonstrating in spinning wheel and spent hours talking with her. When they parted, he knew exactly how a spinning wheel worked.

He started picking up junk parts and buying books about spinning wheels. He made his first one. It was very crude, but it worked.

"I knew I could do better," said Dilley. "So I built another and another and another. Each time I built one, I improved it. My fifteenth wheel was a beauty!"

His wife at that time was a professional artist and would exhibit her work at art marts and artisan fairs. Dilley would help her set up her displays and babysit her pictures. One time he took his wheel, too, set it up next to her paintings, and started spinning. A passer-by



Lem Dilley makes the spinning wheel fly.

Photo by Lora Clark

suggested he enter his wheel in the craft contest that was going on. He did and won first prize!

Del Mar Fair was next. He demonstrated his wheel for two weeks and spent the years that followed repairing and making wheels for people he'd met at the fair.

During his spinning career, Dilley has made 65 wheels, done repair work for San Diego's Creative Spinning Guild, and given many demonstrations at schools, artisan fairs and art marts.

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# Connolly clears first hurdle towards rebuilding his life, more to come

by Ninette Sosa

Former Assemblyman Tom Connolly has kept a low profile in East County the last six months. He's no longer a fixture at Democratic club functions and doesn't usher at his church anymore.

It's a low profile he hopes will begin to change. Monday, a civil jury rejected sexual harassment and wrongful termination claims of Connolly's former chief of staff, Dena Holman.

The toll that the trial placed upon him is evident. Connolly is more apt to shake hands with friends than giving them friendly hugs.

And he's still reminded that this is only the first hurdle he's successfully crossed. There's another court case opening on April 18, in which he's accused of soliciting sex with a minor.

Connolly can't discuss the case, except to say that he hopes the verdict will again come out in his favor.

Even though the jury decided 10-2 in favor of Connolly in the harassment suit, he said it doesn't feel like he won anything.

"I think the truth won — but my life will never be the same," he said. "The image and opinions people have of me after the allegations and what they were before are significantly different."

He's not quite sure if the verdict is enough to gain back his image, but it's a step in the right direction.

Connolly believes one reason for the verdict to go his way was because of the timing of the sexual harassment charge. He refers to it as the week from hell — April 12-15, 1994.

That's when his wife, Janet, took over many of the responsibilities from Holman. The two women had their differences and Janet explained to her husband that she couldn't work with Holman. Connolly planned to talk with Holman about the situation, but Holman jumped the gun and accused him of sexual harassment.

"I had prepared a letter setting forth Holman's shortcomings, but it was to give her an opportunity to resign or start a paper-trail giving her a chance to straighten-up," he said.

That chance didn't happen. When Holman showed Connolly the memorandum accusing him of sexual harassment, he took it to the Assembly Rules Committee to follow-up on the charge and say that it wasn't true.

Holman was hired as a campaign consultant in 1992 and the following year she became Connolly's chief of staff. Janet Connolly became campaign coordinator in 1994, something Connolly believes displeased Holman and motivated the sexual harassment charges.

The exact whereabouts of Holman is unknown. Towards the end of her court hearing she was not in court nor was available for comment.



Tom Connolly

Connolly's managed to continue his own legal practice, despite his own legal — and marital — battles.

"When Janet, my wife, told me she wanted a simpler life, I couldn't blame her," said Connolly. "For example, other people have marital problems, but they don't read about it in the newspaper."

He describes Janet as a saint and said he still loves her very much. The couple decided to go their own ways and are separated. Something they used to enjoy was attending church in Lemon Grove, but they separated from that, too.

"Janet continued to go to church, but it's without me," Connolly said. "It was part of the healing process. Also, the monsignor believed it was a good decision. This way Janet wouldn't have to suffer through people wondering if I was a criminal. I moved out of that church until some issues could be resolved."

For now, he attends another church in East county. He intends to live and work in Spring Valley.

As far as Connolly's political or legal plans, he won't say what his next move will be.

"I have another hurdle, and after that we'll see what's in store for the future."

Currently, he's released on his own recognizance. "I don't think anyone thinks I'm going to run from this," said Connolly. "I intend to stay here and defend myself ... I've got to clear my name."

This jury, after an hour of deliberation returned with a not guilty verdict, something he hopes for from the next court hearing.

## What's in a name?

by Susanne Riddle-Haslinger

While chatting with a co-writer pal, I recently discovered we have shared a similar problem with the spellings of personal names. It's not that we cannot spell most common names, mind you, but today, one cannot assume that even common-day names are spelled as they once were.

The topic came up as we whined a little about the ingratitude some people exhibit when their names are misspelled in the newspaper. Never mind that some of them have had paragraphs dedicated to them on their merit or noteworthy mention. Never mind that these paragraphs often required an evening of attendance, interviews, notetaking and photographs on the writers' parts.

Don't get me wrong, please! Don't even start with what you might be thinking, that we get paid for this and it is part of the job routine.

Just to clear up a few delusions some might have, the pay is pretty lousy (no offense to our editor, but the pay for such work is less than what I just paid a teenager for stacking firewood recently) and most of us could do better by mowing lawns or stuffing envelopes at home in less time.

Most of us do not do any of this for the pay and certainly not for glamour, which seldom, if ever, offers any. We do it because we love it and it is a passion, however, such passion occasionally comes with frustration.

One such frustration is doing an interview and writing a lengthy article on someone and trying to do them justice by omitting any possible negative, printing only the positive, and then having that same person call the newspaper to complain that a name was misspelled.

Yes, yes, yes, spell-checking names is a must and a kindergarten rule in writing, however, occasionally we run into "those" names that, by golly, should be spelled as they sound.

Take for example, the names Mary and John. One would as-

sume (another "never-do" in writing) that there is a common spelling for Mary and John, but not so. Mary can be Mari, Marry, Merry, Marey, Mare and yes, even Mharey.

John might be Johnn, Jon, Jonne, Jonn, Jhon and yes, even Jonhn. Do we even dare go into the Michelles, Brittany's or Tiffanys?

How is it that we might misspell a name? More often than not, a misspelled name is an unfortunate typo when being translated into the computer and oftentimes, it is the "death-by-hanging" offense of assumption.

If the actual name like say, Albert Schwintlinger, was printed as Abby Brown, then there is a real problem and one certainly worthy of a complaint. But if the name in print is spelled Albert Shwintlinger (missing the c) then oh, please, think about it.

What did the article say about Mr. Schwintlinger? Paragraphs maybe about what a fine citizen he might be, what generosity he may have shown to a local school or the life he may have saved in a housefire? Along with pointing out that the letter "c" was missing from his name, (and we are always happy to make corrections) did Mr. Schwintlinger thank the writer or the newspaper for printing such a nice article? Probably not, but ah, praise is not what most people like to read in the letters to the editor and more often than not, it does not come anyway.

Though there are some who are thoughtful and call or write in a simple "hey, thanks," (and we all thank you for that) praise is not part of the passion that comes with writing for a newspaper. (Recognition however, is another story and as my pal and I agreed, the recognition may not always be on the positive side either.)

By the way, the names used in this article have been changed to protect the guilty and if there is such a person with the name Albert Schwintlinger, the similarity is strictly coincidental.

Which brings to mind another question. Don't you just hate it when someone assumes that because your name is Susan(n) or Suz(z)anne, that you are also a Sue? Or if your name is JoAnne(e), that you want to be called Jo? What about the Richards that indubitably become Richie, Ricky or particularly, Dick, which is still one of life's mysteries. But, that's another story.

What's in a name or better still, as the oldie but goodie song asks, "What's Your Name, Is It Mary or Sue?" We already discussed Mary and now the question is, how many ways can you spell (or misspell) Sue? You tell me.

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3200 blk. College Pl. Abdominal pains.  
7000 blk. Berry Park Ln. Fall.  
3600 blk. Hilltop Dr. Head injury.  
6900 blk. Central Ave. Cancer patient.  
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Diabetic problem.  
2200 blk. Saint Croix Ct. Alarm residential.  
3400 blk. Main St. Threatening suicide.

Feb. 28 - March 6, 1997

Hwy 94 WE/Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.  
Central Ave./Olive St. Traffic accident.  
3200 blk. Acacia St. Unknown medical.  
1900 blk. Ensenada St. Traffic accident.  
6700 blk. San Miguel Ave. Unresponsive.  
7900 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Difficulty breathing.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Assigned File No 97002482

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The transaction of business  
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Signature of Registrant  
ANDRE QUAGLIARIELLO  
This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on JAN 28 1997

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EAST COUNTY COURT 250 E. MAIN EL CAJON, CA 92020-3913

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF  
THOMAS ANDERSON  
HOLLY ANDERSON  
AUSTIN ANDERSON, A  
MINOR  
CEARA ANDERSON, A  
MINOR

FOR CHANGE OF NAME(S)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
(CCP 1277)  
CASE NUMBER: EC 014308

PETITIONERS THOMAS ALAN  
ANDERSON, HOLLY LYNN  
ANDERSON, AUSTIN  
THOMAS ANDERSON, A  
MINOR, CEARA BRIANNE  
ANDERSON, A MINOR  
HAVE FILED A PETITION FOR  
AN ORDER TO CHANGE  
NAMES FROM

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AUSTIN THOMAS ANDERSON,  
CEARA BRIANNE ANDERSON,  
TO  
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HOLLY LYNN ASH  
AUSTIN THOMAS ASH  
CEARA BRIANNE ASH

IT IS ORDERED that all persons  
interested in this matter  
appear before this court in Department D of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on 4-3-97, at 8:15 AM, and show cause, if any they have, why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order To Show Cause be published in the LEMON GROVE REVIEW, a newspaper of general circulation published in this County, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing.

DATED FEB 19 1997

H.R. HOLLYWOOD  
Judge of the Superior Court

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Assigned File No 97005025

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Signature of Registrants  
MONIQUE WINSCHER

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## B Words

by Bob Burns

### Some ideas about the big 2-0

Some thoughts on the occasion of our twentieth birthday, the city's that is, not mine. On July 1, 1997, we will have been officially a city for twenty years. Just ten years ago we had a very nice party in the Knights of Columbus Hall at St. Johns, and it was memorable. It was a kind of pay as you go affair and cost the city very little money. Since we do have a great many urgently needed services in our town, I think it only right that we do the same again.

It has been suggested that we actually begin with Old Time Days and begin to carry the "birthday party" on through the first of July. A committee is being formed to plan the events and I am sure that many of our citizens will want to participate. It is a shame that we do not have a large enough place to hold a big crowd. All of our fine restaurants just do not have the space to stage a party of this size. The Knights Hall was fine except that without air conditioning it tends to be hot in July, especially with a large crowd of active people. Also, the access to the hall is rather inconvenient.

I certainly would hope that we not go out of town. Some of the organizations have had to do that, with somewhat dubious results. There was a hue and cry sometime back about hiring an out of town caterer. It seems to me that this is a different matter in that our local caterer is not limited to work in Lemon Grove only, so the courtesy should be given more latitude in a free market situation. But that just doesn't solve the hall problem, does it?

The weather is almost certain to be great in July, so it occurred to me that we could have an outdoor affair. The area behind the Bank of America, on School Ln., is certainly large enough. As with Old Time Days, a few canopies, a portable dance floor, a bandstand and catering facility would have ample room and then some. I know that I can volunteer the Kiwanis Club to come up with some kind of a project to make the party festive, and would challenge other service organizations to do likewise. Some show-and-tell things that pertain to the history of our community would certainly embellish the celebration. It could even encompass the fourth of July celebration since they are so close.

Personally, I think that we have progressed a great deal since finally succeeding on the fourth incorporation attempt. Those of us who have been here a long time know what a difference exists in the character and physical being of our town over the past twenty years. Progress is sometimes decried as being detrimental to what it was like "in the good old days." But, thinking back, it may well reveal that they weren't so good after all, and it is just a fact that things change with time passing. Will Rogers once said, "even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

I would suggest that anyone who has any ideas about our twentieth birthday party, to contact city hall. Also, volunteering to help will surely find a task of some kind, and the more the merrier. I am sure that Mayor Mary, Tom, Craig, Dwight, and Jeff will all welcome your input.

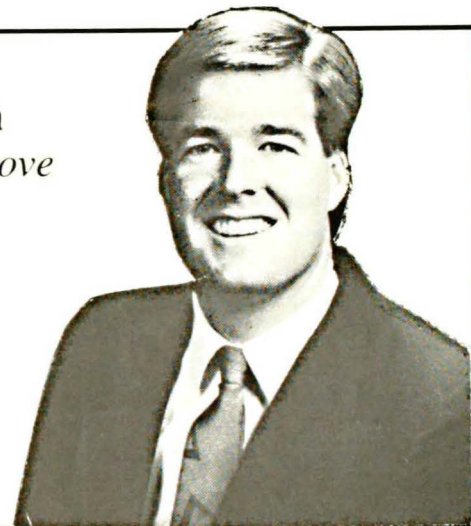
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## Letters to the Editor

### Please work it out!

In response to the article that ran in the Feb. 27, 1997 paper regarding the RSVP units that patrol the Lemon Grove area, I have the following comments:

When I see an RSVP unit go by, it puts a smile on my face. They make me feel protected, they make me feel that someone is looking after my street, my home and the neighborhood children. It is a nice feeling. A feeling that someone cares, on their own, and not for a paycheck. I really appreciate this group of citizens who have formed the RSVP units. They go beyond the normal duties of the Sheriff's Dept., and they do it for free.

The benefits to the community are two-fold here. Not only are we getting "extra" protection, Lemon Grove is giving an opportunity to our senior citizens to stay involved with their community. Although I do believe that the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Dept. is wonderful, they cannot be everywhere at every time. They cannot stop all the rob-

beries, all the assaults or all the crime in our community. No enforcement agency in any town on community can. That is why an organization like RSVP is so very important to our city. I see the RSVP vehicles at least ten times more in my neighborhood than I ever see a Sheriff's vehicle, and rightfully so. The Sheriffs do not have the time to simply drive the streets of Lemon Grove looking for "things out of the ordinary." They should be doing the "hard stuff" which is what their jobs are really about. That is why RSVP is so very very important to our community.

I for one am so glad they are around. I appreciate them more than I can say. I think the least we can do as a community is purchase badges for them. I certainly would donate money for the badges as I know much of the community would also. There has got to be a way to settle this dispute between RSVP and the Sheriff's Dept. C'mon guys, how hard

can it be? At a time when we are attempting to teach our children to get along, compromise, find a way to work it out, the lead story in our own newspaper is about lack of compromise, and adults not getting along. Pretty sad I would have to say.

I believe the Sheriff's Dept. to be excellent. However, no department can do it all. When you have volunteers who want to help, volunteers who want to be involved in their community, want to help their fellow neighbor and neighborhoods, how can you possibly turn them away? If it is a matter of costs, how can the Sheriff's Dept. not have enough funds to buy badges for the RSVP and then turn around and say the RSVP keeps their own officers from having overtime. How can the Sheriff's Dept. afford overtime if they can't afford badges?

I think the community should get involved here. I think that if a fundraiser was initiated for money for the RSVP "only," the

community would back them up; or perhaps a simple coupon in the paper soliciting funds for the RSVP. I certainly would send a donation, as I am sure many, many other citizens in our three square mile community would also; or how about a RSVP donation booth every year at Old Time Days? Everyone knows how popular that event is. Just a few ideas to think about.

In closing, I would like to personally thank each and every member of the RSVP for the donation of their time in our city. Please don't leave. I depend on you and I appreciate the fine service you provide. I also appreciate the fine Sheriff's Dept. the City of Lemon Grove has; it is one of the best. Please attempt a "compromise" and stop this petty bickering over badges, etc. Get back to doing what both groups do best: protecting Lemon Grove.

JUDITH FERGUS  
Lemon Grove

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The 1992 graduate of Mount Miguel High School joined the Navy in 1996.

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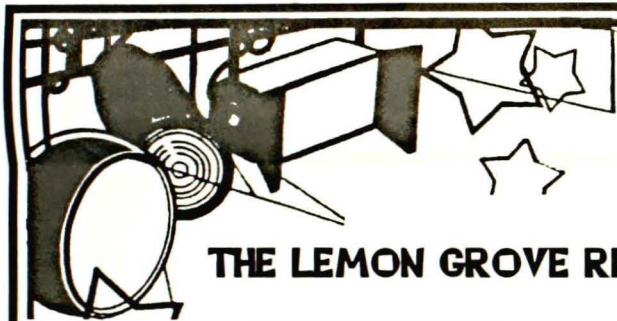


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